

B¹ 450. (New) The distal protection device in accordance with claim 49, wherein a portion of the filter may be disposed within the channel.

Remarks

Please enter this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits. If a telephone conference would be of assistance, do not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

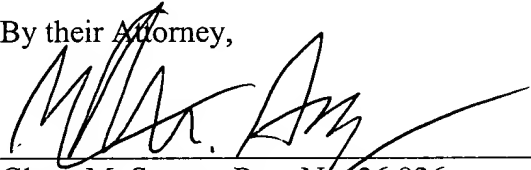
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